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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, whose spirit searches all things and whose love bears all things, arise and lift up Your hand as we wait patiently for You. Give Your light, O God, and take away our darkness. Put a new song on our lips for we put our trust in You. Place Your precepts in our minds that we will delight to do Your will. Withhold not Your tender mercies from us, for Your loving-kindness keeps us alive.

Bless the Members of this body. Give them patience and cheerful endurance. Place peace in their hearts and serenity in their minds. Inspire them with an increased understanding of the scope of their task as Your servants.

Stretch forth Your right hand to help and defend us all. Encourage us to seek new depths of dedication.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we will begin consideration of the Labor-HHS conference report directly, with Senator HARKIN controlling the first 90 minutes. At the conclusion of that time we will return to the PATRIOT

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman*.

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